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The Department of Ecology posts Issue Summary related to Institutional Controls

The Department of Ecology, as part of ongoing efforts to update the Model Toxics Control Act cleanup regulation, is considering changes regarding institutional controls. Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program recently posted an Issue Summary on Institutional Controls and Periodic Reviews on our website (www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/2009MTCA/mtcaAmend.html).

Institutional controls are measures taken at a cleanup site to limit or prohibit activities that could result in exposure to hazardous substances. Examples of institutional controls are engineered controls (like fences or barriers) and legal mechanisms (covenants and property use restrictions).

To comply with the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act (UECA), some sections of the MTCA cleanup regulation must be updated. In addition, Ecology has been reviewing sites with institutional controls already in place. Ecology will look be looking at problems identified during these reviews, including strengthening of financial assurance requirements.

Does Ecology want any feedback?

Yes! Ecology welcomes input and feedback. While we will be unable to respond to each comment received, we will certainly read and consider all comments.

Please submit your comments to Ecology by October 30, 2009. Comments received by this date will help us focus our efforts. Please send comments to: RuleUpdate@ecy.wa.gov .

Please organize your comments as follows:

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Title of the Issue Paper you are commenting on

Comments and supporting information

For more information, go to www.ecy.wa.gov , click on Programs, go to Toxics Cleanup and look at *In Progress: MTCA Cleanup Regulation & SMS updates*.

Thank you for your interest. If you have questions or suggestions related to this announcement, please contact:

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